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10667; O) USDEL MTN 3296; P) USDEL MTN 3326; Q) USDEL MTN 4912

1. AS REQUESTED IN MATTHEISEN (STR)/NEWKIRK TELECON
OF JULY 31, THIS REPORT DRAWS TOGETHER ALL RELEVANT
REFERENCES ON QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTION (QR) CONSULTA-
TIONS, REVIEWS THEIR CURRENT STATUS, AND SETS OUT
NEXT STEPS.

2. QR NOTIFICATIONS BY THE UNITED STATES WERE FOR-
WARDED TO THE GATT SECRETARIAT AFTER RECEIPT FROM
WASHINGTON. ON JUNE 24 THE GATT SECRETARIAT SENT
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LETTERS TO EACH OF THE 35 COUNTRIES AND THE EC INCOR-

PORATING THE U.S. COVER NOTE AND OUR NOTIFICATION TO EACH ADDRESSEE.
TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THE U.S. NOTIFICATIONS WENT ONLY TO
THOSE COUNTRIES TO WHICH THE NOTIFICATION WAS MADE.

3. THE U.S. HAS RECEIVED NOTIFICATIONS (REFS A - E)
CONCERNING OUR QR PRACTICES FROM 12 COUNTRIES
(COUNTING EC AS ONE) BOTH DIRECTLY FROM DELE-
GATIONS AND FROM THE GATT SECRETARIAT. ONLY THE
ARGENTINE NOTIFICATION WAS RECEIVED WITHOUT A COPY
FROM THE GATT SECRETARIAT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO REF F THE U.S. DELEGATION INFORMED
BY LETTER BOLIVIA, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, IRAN,
JAMAICA, KENYA, NIGERIA, PANAMA AND TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO INITIATE BILATERAL
CONSULTATIONS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. WE
DID NOT CONTACT COLOMBIA DUE TO LATE RECEIPT OF THEIR
NOTIFICATION AGAINST THE U.S. AT THIS TIME, THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, IRAN, AND
JAMAICA HAVE RESPONDED TO OUR LETTER AND INDICATED
THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO CONTACT THEIR CAPITALS BEFORE
THEY COULD AGREE ON A DATE TO INITIATE CONSULTATIONS.
NEW ZEALAND AND THE PHILIPPINES HAVE INFORMALLY CON-
TACTED THE U.S. DELEGATION AND REQUESTED EARLY CONSUL-
TATIONS. MEXICO HAS ALSO INDICATED (REF G) ITS READINESS
TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS.

5. WE HAVE RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EC,
NORWAY, SWEDEN AND ICELAND (REFS H - K) INDICATING
THEIR INTENTION NOT TO CONSULT ON THE AGRICULTURAL
QR'S WE NOTIFIED UNDER NTM PROCEDURES, BUT RATHER
ACCORDING TO ANY PROCEDURES AGREED UPON IN THE
AGRICULTURAL GROUP. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THEIR
POSITION ON THE QR/NTM SUBGROUP (REF L). JAPAN HAS
INDICATED (REF M AND N) THAT THEY ARE UNWILLING TO
CONSULT ON AGRICULTURAL QR'S AT THIS STAGE BUT WILL
NOT FORMALLY COMMUNICATE THIS TO THE US DEL UNELSS
PRESSED TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO RESOLUTION OF
PROCEDURAL ISSUE BY AGRICULTURE GROUP.

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6. WHILE NO CONSULTATION DATES HAVE YET BEEN SET,
US DEL STILL HOPES THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE COUNTRIES
LISTED IN PARA. 4 WILL BE WILLING TO BEGIN CONSULTA-
TIONS IN AUGUST. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR AN
EARLY INITIATION DATE.

7. PROCEDURES: AS INDICATED IN REFS O, P, AND Q,
PROCEDURES FOR CONSULTATIONS ARE LARGELY THE PREROGA-

TIVE OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. IN THE GATT SECRETARIAT COVER LETTER TO NOTIFICATIONS, THEY DRAW ATTENTION TO MTN/NTM/6, PARA. 10, WHICH, IN SUMMARY, LEAVES THE DECISION ON TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATIONS TO THE CONCERNED COUNTRIES. TO DATE NONE OF THE COUNTRIES WE HAVE TALKED TO HAVE MENTIONED GATT SECRETARIAT ASSISTANCE. UNLESS OUR PARTNERS REQUEST OTHERWISE, WE INTEND TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS BILATERALLY WITHOUT GATT SECRETARIAT INVOLVEMENT.

8. THE NEXT STEP: ON AUGUST 11, LETTERS REQUESTING CONSULTATIONS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER WILL BE SENT OUT TO THE REMAINDER OF THE COUNTRIES TO WHICH THE U.S. HAS SUBMITTED NOTIFICATIONS. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, WE WILL NOT AT THIS TIME REQUEST CONSULTATIONS WITH THOSE COUNTRIES (SEE PARA. 5) THAT HAVE INDICATED THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL QRS.

9. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE GATT SECRETARIAT HAS CONVEYED INFORMATION ON THESE CONSULTATIONS IN A PURELY BILATERAL MANNER, I.E., INFORMATION HAS BEEN EXCHANGED ONLY BETWEEN THE NOTIFYING AND NOTIFIED COUNTRIES. FOR THIS REASON, WE HAVE NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXTENT OF OTHER NOTIFICATIONS. INFORMAL CONTACTS INDICATE THAT MOST OTHER COUNTRIES SUBMITTED MORE LIMITED NOTIFICATIONS THAN THE U.S. BUT THAT NO CONSULTATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE TO DATE.

10. ALTHOUGH SCHEDULE IS TIGHT, OUR OBJECTIVE REMAINS TO FINISH THESE CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO OCTOBER 27 QR SUBGROUP MEETING. WHETHER OR NOT WE MAKE THIS DEADLINE DEPENDS IN LARGE PART ON THE RESPONSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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